



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant: Ernest Voisin

Serial No.: 09/ 121,725

Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: July 24, 1998

Examiner: Drew Becker

For: A Process of Elimination of Bacteria
In Shellfish, of Shucking Shellfish and
An Apparatus Therefor

Date: July 9, 2001

To the Honorable Commissioner
Of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102 (c)

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.102, the applicant hereby petitions to make the application special and dated. As stated in the patent rules, the application may be advanced out of turn for examination upon filing of a Petition pursuant to Section 37 CFR 1.102 (d) and (c) if the basis for the Petition is, inter alia, the applicant's age.

The applicant hereby respectfully petitions to make the above-identified application special and to advance examination of this application. As basis for the Petition, the applicant respectfully submits that he is 73 years of age. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of applicant's passport showing that the applicant was born on October 17, 1927. It is believed that no filing fee is required for this petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.102 (d) and MPEP 708.02.

Accelerated examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

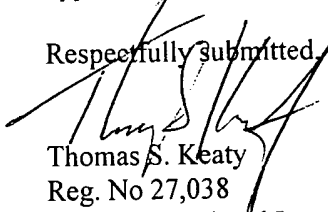
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EXPIRATION DATE 10-17-2001
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DATE OF BIRTH 10-17-1927
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